



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 14-052: COLEMAN CREEK FISH PASSAGE

#### Description of Proposal:

The proposed project will remove the culvert that conveys Coleman Creek under Ellensburg Water Company's (EWC) canal and is a partial fish passage barrier. It will construct a large inverted siphon to convey the canal under Coleman Creek and rebuild the stream channel to provide fish passage for all species and life stages while completely separating creek and canal water at the intersection. The siphon will extend under North Ferguson Road as well; removing the bridge over EWC.

Upstream, this project will remove a fish passage barrier and install a compliant fishway and fish screen in Coleman Creek and will deliver water to the EWC. The existing concrete and wooden check dam in Coleman Creek will be replaced with a new concrete sill and fishway that receives dam boards to provide adequate water surface elevation to submerge the new flat plate fish screens at the point of diversion. A new access road to the screen site will be constructed so the screen facility can be maintained.

The completed project will remove two fish passage barriers, screen an unscreened diversion, and improve water quality by separating canal and creek waters at the intersection of Coleman Creek with EWC's main canal.

#### Proponent/Applicant:

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#### Location of Proposal, including street, if any:

Near the intersection of Kittitas Highway and North Ferguson Road, approximately stream mile 3.8 on Coleman Creek, Kittitas County, Washington: Township 17N, Range 19E, Section 9.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules<sup>2</sup>. We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of

the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on August 13, 2014.**

**Method of Comment:**

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Lisa Wood


**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law<sup>1</sup>.

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** July 29, 2014

**SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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